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Harrisonburg K-9 Officer Rocko Remembered as a loyal and beloved hero

One of the Harrisonburg Police Department's seven police dogs died Friday. K-9 Officer Rocko died peacefully at his residence whereas the cause is still under review. Rocko was treated for Cancer discovered in his mouth a couple months ago and appeared to have a full recovery.

Rocko spent his final time with his handler and friend Officer Timothy Wright. "He was loved by our community and was a beloved member of our department and family," said Chief Stephen Monticelli.

Rocko was a Belgian Malinois was born in 2004 in Belgium starting his career with the Harrisonburg Police Department in 2007.

Rocko had a long and distinguished career with our department, assisting officers in locating narcotics, articles, missing individuals, and capturing offenders. "Rocko will be sorely missed as we remember his loyal service and constant friendship," said Chief Monticelli.

"Rest In Peace Rocko. Thank you for your service, friend. We'll take it from here."

